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Scott Pruitt, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I would like to invite you to address Alaska's mining industry at the Alaska Miners Association (AMA) convention being held in Fairbanks, Alaska, March 28-30, 2018. Our members are eager to hear your vision for the agency's regulatory and policy changes, and to learn how the mining industry can most effectively work with your agency on environmental protection and enhancement at our operations and projects.

AMA is a professional membership trade organization representing the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,400 members that come from eight statewide branches. Our members include individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

The AMA convention sees over five hundred attendees from all types of mining operations and projects: large-scale underground and open pit mines, small-scale placer mining, sand, gravel, and quarry rock, and the support businesses that serve our industry. In addition to learning more about your direction for the EPA, an agency with direct impact on all of our members, we are very interested in an update from you on a range of issues, most importantly the recent decision to suspend the withdrawal of the Obama Administration's Proposed Determination at the Pebble Project in Bristol Bay. While we disagree with this decision, we are extremely interested in respectful dialogue to understand the reasoning behind your decision and ways to ensure fair and due process for all projects in Alaska.

We believe you would find a trip to Alaska to be mutually beneficial. We would be delighted to arrange for tours of any one of our operations or development projects, as well as ensure coordination with other development industries in our state: oil and gas, fishing, tourism, forestry, energy, and more.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett
Executive Director